**Criteria for allocation of pwer to States**

2639. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria fixed for the allocation of power to States from Central Sector projects;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of power in Gujarat State;

(c) whether Government propose to assist the State in overcoming the shortage and meet its power requirements; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The present criteria for allocation of power from Central Sector Power projects are given in the Statement. *(See below)*

(b) to (d) During the period April 1992—February 1993, Gujarat experienced an energy shortage of 3 per cent as compared to a shortage of 5.7 per cent and 8.4 per cent in the Western Region and All India basis respectively. Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in Gujarat include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and aranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas, etc.

**Statement**

*A. Present criteria for Allocation of Power to the States from Central Sector Hydel Stations:*

(i) 15 per cent of the generation capacity will be kept as "Unallocated" at the disposal of the Central Government to be distributed within the Region or outside, depending upon over-all requirements;

(ii) 12 per cent power from energy generated by the power station would be supplied free of cost to those States of the Region (including the State where the hydro-electric project is located) where distress is caused by setting up the project at the specific site, like submergence, dislocation of population; the allocation being made in proportion to the extent of such distress. The "energy generated" figures for the purpose would be calculated at the bus bar level, i.e. after discounting auxiliary consumption but without taking into account the transmission line losses. The extent of distress caused would be assessed for the purposes of allocation of 12 per cent free power by the Central Electricity Authority in consultation with the concerned States;

(iii) The remaining power (73 per cent would be distributed between the States of the Region on the basis of the Central Plan assistance given to various States in the Region during the last five years and on the basis of consumption of electricity in the States of the Region in the last five years, the two factors being given equal weightage.

*B. Criteria for Allocation of Power to the States from Central Sector Thermal/Atomic Power Stations.*

(i) 15 per cent power is kept as unallocated at the disposal of the Centre to meet the emergency requirements of individual States from time to time.

(ii) 10 per cent power is allocated to the State in which the power station is located; and

(iii) the remaining 75 per cent power is allocated amongst the States of the region (including the "Home State") in accordance with the energy consumed by and the Central Plan assistance to the States during the last five years. The needs of the Union Territories are also met through appropriate allocations.

**Clearance of pending power projects of Gujarat**

2640. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of power projects of Gujarat which are pending for clearance by the Union Government as in September, 1992;

(b) what was the generation and consumption of power in the State during the last three years;

(c) whether there is a wide gap between generation and consumption of power in th State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to clear these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (d) According to available information, no power generating project in Gujarat was awaiting Central Electricity Authority's clearance in September, 1992.

(b) and (c) The requirement and consumption of power in the State of Gujarat during the last three years is as under:—

| Year | Requirement (in MUs) | Consumption (in MUs) | Gap (in MUs) | (in %) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1990-91 . . . . . | 23305 | 22358 | 947 | 4.1 |
| 1991-92 . . . . . | 24417 | 25505 | 1088 | 4.3 |
| 1992-93 . . . . . (upto February) | 24070 | 23342 | 728 | 3.0 |

**Power projects of MP**

2641. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 163 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd February, 1993 and state:

(a) what are the terms and conditions on which the power projects of Madhya Pradesh will be handed over to the private companies;

(b) whether Government are aware of the allegations suggesting that many power projects are being handed over to such companies which have no experience in this field; and

(c) if so, what remedial action Government would take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The terms and conditions on which the power projects of Madhya Pradesh are being handed over to private companies are contained in the Memorandum of Understanding which are under finalisation with the State Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.